

REMARKS

By this amendment, no claims have been cancelled. Hence, Claims 27-52, 63-88, and 92-95 are pending in the application.

The allowance of each of the pending claims is gratefully acknowledged.

REFERENCE TO EACH FILED REISSUE APPLICATION HAS BEEN ADDED

The Office Action objected to the specification under 37 CFR § 1.177 for lacking notice that one or more reissue applications has been filed.

The Applicants have herein amended their specification to include notice of each and every reissue application based on U.S. Patent No. 5,857,180. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that this concern has been addressed and overcome.

ALL PENDING CLAIMS HAVE BEEN UNDERLINED

The Office Action indicated that the claims submitted on October 5, 2004 failed to comply with 37 CFR § 1.173(b)(2) because all the claims were not underlined in their entirety without bracketing. The listing of claims presented herein underlines the language recited in all pending claims, without reciting any bracketed language to indicate deleted subject matter, as the markings in the listing of claims are made relative to the date of the filing of the reissue application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.173(g). Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that this concern has been addressed and overcome.

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF EACH INVENTOR SUBMITTED

The Office Action indicated that a supplemental reissue declaration (form PTO/SB/51S) from each inventor was required. Applicants hereby submit a signed supplemental reissue declaration (form PTO/SB/51S) from each inventor. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that this concern has been addressed and overcome.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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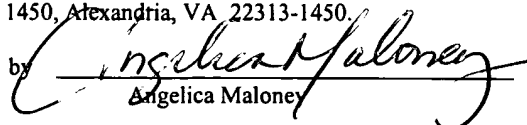
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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION
FOR REISSUE
PATENT APPLICATION
TO CORRECT "ERRORS" STATEMENT
(37 CFR 1.175)**

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